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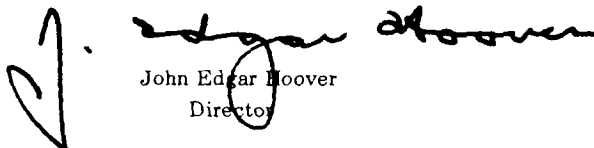
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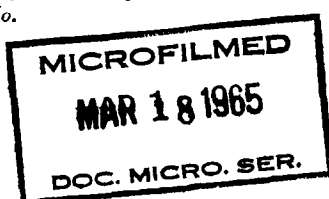
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During the early part of 1963, NY T-1, another government agency which conducts security type investigations, advised that Heinrichs W. Bagatais, the former chairman, in 1957, of "Daugavas Vanagi" (Latvian Veterans Organization), New York, New York, was suspected of Russian intelligence service involvement by an official German source.

During the early part of 1965, NY T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that he has been acquainted with Heinrichs Bagatais since 1943, while Bagatais still resided in Latvia. During 1943, the subject was employed in the Latvian Army Department Store in Riga, Latvia.

During 1943, Riga, Latvia, was occupied by the German Army and at that time the subject joined the German Army as a translator in the Sicherheits Dienst (SD), which was the security branch of the German Army. At that time, the subject was knowledgeable in the German, Russian and Latvian languages. After joining the German Army subject later returned to Riga on leave for a brief period of time. At that time, the subject wore a German Army SD uniform. NY T-2 stated that he never again saw Bagatais in Europe and never heard of him being in any of the displaced persons camps in Germany which housed Latvian refugees. NY T-2

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had never heard that the subject was captured by the Russians and later released.

NY T-2 stated that he did not see the subject again until 1957, when he met him in New York, New York. At that time the subject had only one arm and the subject related that he had lost an arm during World War II. NY T-2 visited the subject's apartment which was located on Cathedral Parkway in New York, New York. Informant recalled that this apartment was richly decorated with expensive looking oil paintings and fine furniture. He further noted that this apartment had many large rooms.

Subject advised the informant that he had never married, that he had a very good position earning good money as a dispatcher of goods and materials to ships and railroads.

The informant again saw the subject during 1962, and he stated that at this time subject's apartment was even more elaborate and he recalled that there was a fountain in the apartment as well as a number of art objects and masks which he had accumulated on a recent trip to the Fiji Islands. Subject stated that he was soon going to leave the United States and go to Australia. He planned to take all of his paintings and belongings to Australia where he had a family and relatives for whom he was lonesome. He further advised that his employer would always give him his old job back in case he did not like Australia and decided to return to the United States. Subject further stated that he would sub-let his apartment to someone at a university in New York, New York.

Prior to the time that the subject left the United States in 1962, a party was given for the subject at the apartment of a Latvian television actress who resided in New York, New York. Approximately 40 persons were in attendance and they all appeared to be well dressed. The best of food, champagne and brandy was served. After

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this party, it was commonly said, among Latvians, that Bagatais had gone to Australia.

During 1963, NY T-2 again saw the subject in New York City. At that time Bagatais stated that he had returned to the United States because job opportunities and pay were poor in Australia. Subject stated that he had returned to his old job in New York City and was again living at his old address.

NY T-2 stated that he has never heard any information relating to the allegation that the subject is a homosexual. He did note, however, that the subject reportedly entertained many Latvian artists and musicians in his apartment and that he was able to do this because of the good position he was supposed to have.

With respect to the subject's name, NY T-2 noted that the surname Bagatais is a true Latvian name, however, subject's first name, Heinrichs, is a true German first name and suggests to the informant that one side of the subject's family was German. During 1943, the subject had a brother residing in Riga, Latvia, however, the informant does not know the present whereabouts of this individual.

NY T-2 stated that he has never heard anything indicating that the subject was engaged in any intelligence activities.

On February 10, 1965, NY T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the following information:

Employment

According to information furnished to NY T-3 by Heinrichs Bagatais, who is known to the informant as Henry Bagatais, he is presently employed as the Mail Room Manager at International Flavors and Fragrances, Incorporated,

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521 West 57th Street, New York, New York. Subject reportedly has approximately 20 boys working for him and he is employed during the approximate hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Residence

NY T-3 stated that the subject continues to reside at 412 Cathedral Parkway, Apartment 122, located on the 13th floor, New York, New York.

NY T-3 advised that this apartment consists of a living room, library, dining room, kitchen, bathroom and two small connected rooms which could be used as bedrooms. All of the above rooms are connected by a long hallway running through the apartment. Informant stated that this apartment is furnished expensively and in good taste. Subject has a large library of books and numerous paintings.

NY T-2 stated that the subject pays \$165.00 per month rent on this apartment.

The subject indicated to the informant that he would like to obtain an apartment which is located across the hall from his present apartment which he could rent for less money.

Associates

NY T-3 stated that on February 6, 1965, a dinner party was held in the apartment of the subject. Subject had a cook, who was unknown to the informant, who prepared the entire meal.

One individual at this party was known to the informant as Walter Augustans, a young Latvian emigre, who is employed as an electrical engineer. Augustans is single and resides at 92nd Street and Broadway in New York City. He reportedly is the best friend of the subject. The informant described Augustans as follows: HEINRICH W. BAGATAIS (C)

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Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	25
Height	5 feet 10 inches
Hair	Dark
Features	Rugged

Augustans arrived at this party with another young Latvian emigre, name unknown, who reportedly is a Professor of Art at Columbia University, New York City. Informant described this individual as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	29
Height	6 feet 2 inches
Hair	Blond
Eyes	Blue
Church	Latvian Orthodox Church
Language Abilities	Speaks excellent Russian

NY T-3 stated that an unknown male and an unknown female, whomr the subject stated were employed by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), were also at this dinner party. He described them as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	26
Height	5 feet 11 inches
Build	Thin
Complexion	Dark
Eyes	Brown
Language Abilities	Spoke excellent German and English

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Sex	Female
Race	White
Age	21
Height	5 feet 10 inches
Hair	Blonde, straight, neck length
Complexion	Fair
Language Abilities	Spoke only English

The above two unknown individuals did not themselves advise the informant that they were employed by NATO, however, they did indicate that they had spent several vacations in different parts of Europe.

During the course of this dinner party, the subject became intoxicated and stated to the informant that he has several friends in NATO and also that he has a friend in the Latvian Section of the Soviet Mission to the United Nations (SMUN) at New York, New York. He further advised that this individual had been in his apartment in the past and that he might appear for this dinner party. NY T-3 stated, however, that no Soviets appeared during the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m., at the apartment of Bagatais on February 6, 1965.

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